A Knight's Secret

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Recently, Jaune had been spending a lot of time in Vale. Curious, his friends decide to follow him to Vale, with Yang making jokes about Jaune having a secret girlfriend. Yet, to their surprise, Yang was right. However, the surprise continues when they see Jaune with a different girl as the day continues. Confused, they follow Jaune, where they get their answer in the form of Neo.

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"Well, see you guys. I'll be back later." Jaune said as he put on his favorite Pumpkin Pete's hoodie.

"Bye, fearless leader." Nora said as she jumped up and down on her bed.

"Don't forget to take your motion sickness pills, Jaune." Ren said before going back to his meditative stance.

"OH! Jaune." Pyrrha said, turning around in her seat.

"Yes, Pyr?" Jaune asked.

"On your way back, don't forget to grab the supplies we need for Oobleck's project."

"Right. Thanks for reminding me. I'll stop by the crafts store to buy the supplies. See you guys tonight." Jaune said.

"And don't forget about that chocolate bar you promised me."

"Alright."

"And the pancake mix." Nora added.

"Okay."

"And some green tea." Ren added with a smirk.

"Alright. See you guys." Jaune said, smiling as he exited the dorm.

"Have you two noticed something different about Jaune?" Nora asked.

"No, not really." Ren answered.

"Aside from him practicing a bit more with his guitar, I haven't noticed any change." Pyrrha said.

"Really?" Nora asked, sounding shocked.

"Yes."

"Why? Have you noticed something, Nora?" Ren asked, now curious and slightly concerned for Jaune, whom he sees as a brother.

"Haven't either of you noticed Jaune heading out more often? When he comes back, it's an hour past curfew. How Jaune rarely even reads his comics anymore? How every time he comes back, he immediately takes a shower and refuses to look at us directly until he does? Or how he's constantly on his scroll texting someone? ANYTHING!?" Nora shouted.

"You're point, Nora?" Ren asked with a sigh. While he will admit that he failed to notice these things, they did not raise any alarms. Besides, despite Jaune being a bit dense-headed at times, he trusted him not to do anything dangerous.

"MY POINT IS THAT OUR FEARLESS LEADER IS HIDING SOMETHING!"

"Are you sure Jaune is hiding something from us deliberately, Nora? Remember, Jaune has his personal life like the rest of us." Pyrrha added.

"NO! I'M CERTAIN HE'S HIDING SOMETHING!"

"Like what?" Pyrrha asked with a sigh, knowing that they had to play along until Nora got it out of her system.

"Maybe he's got a job? Maybe he's visiting some family members? Or maybe he taking music lessons? He is getting better, after all. Or he found someone to give him extra training lessons when Pyrrha

isn't available. OH! WHAT IF HE'S LIVING A DOUBLE LIFE!? WHAT IF-"

"Did Jaune even say why he was heading into Vale?" Pyrrha asked Ren as they waited for Nora to stop.

"No, he didn't tell us. But now that Nora brought it up, I do wonder what's causing Jaune to travel to Vale so much recently." Ren answered.

"He's most likely either visiting family members or taking some music lessons."

"I don't think it's visiting family since the closest ones are Saphron and her family. And they live in Argus if I recall correctly. And I don't think it's music lessons either, considering he didn't take his guitar with him." Ren said, pointing to Jaune's bed where the guitar lay.

"Unless they give instruments to the students."

"True. But I still doubt it."

"The job does sound likely, considering Jaune did tell us he used to work two part-time jobs to help pay the bills for his massive family. But I don't think it's that."

"But if it is, then some additional lien would be good, considering we don't have any actual missions that pay us money until later in the year."

"Yeah, considering the price of everything went up recently. Maybe that's why he hasn't touched his comics recently or brought any new ones. I think I even saw him ignore some of the new comic releases of his favorite series." Pyrrha said, now genuinely curious about where Jaune went and what he was possibly doing.

"OH! MAYBE JAUNE IS A NINJA!" Nora said, her guesses now becoming eccentric and crazy.

"Nora. Jaune is not-" Ren began but stopped when they heard someone knocking on the door.

"I wonder who that is?" Pyrrha asked as she got up and went over to the door. Opening it, she was surprised to see an angry Wiess. "Hello, Weiss. Can we help you with something?"

"Yes. Can you please tell Nora to keep it down? We can hear her shouting from across the hall. And we could use the silence since some of us are studying for Ms. Goodwitch's upcoming test." Weiss said, annoyed.

"Right, sorry." Pyrrha sheepishly said.

"Anyway, what's Nora shouting about?"

"And where's our favorite Vomit Boy?" Yang added, sneaking up behind Weiss.

"He went out to Vale. He didn't tell us why, though." Ren answered.

"Really?"

"Yes."

"Huh. That's like, what, the twelfth time he went out this month alone?" Yang asked.

"Fifteenth, actually. He snuck out a few times when it was past curfew." Blake corrected as she and Ruby approached them.

"And it's only the second week." Ruby added.

"Is that why Nora was shouting?" Weiss asked.

"Yes. She thinks Jaune is hiding something from us and is going on about what it could be." Ren answered.

"What do you guys think he is doing?" Blake asked.

"Either some music lessons or a job. But we honestly doubt that it's either of them." Pyrrha answered.

"Yeah, I can see Jaune working a job or deciding to take music lessons. But I doubt it." Ruby said.

"What do you guys think?" Ren asked. At this, Ruby, Blake, and Weiss turned to look at Yang.

"Uh, why are you all looking at me?" She asked, confused.

"You are the queen of gossip. There is a high chance you know what Jaune is doing." Blake said.

"While I appreciate the compliment. I am not the gossip queen. Plus, I don't know what he is doing." Yang said before gaining a smirk. "But I know someone who might."

"Who?" Weiss asked. Instead of answering, Yang took out her scroll and started calling someone. Everyone wondered who exactly Yang meant but regretted asking when the person picked up.

'Hey, Yang. What's up?' The voice of Coco Adel asked.

"Nothing much. Hey, listen, I need a favor."

'With what? And you know the cost.'

"I know the cost, and I got some Vacuo coffee in my team's dorm."

'Alright. What do you need?'

"I need some information. You know, some gossip."

'Then you came to the right person. Who do you need some dirt on?'

"Not dirt. We just want to know if you know where and why Jaune has been heading out so much recently."

'Oh, not as much fun. But I don't know where or why he's been going into Vale recently. But I know who does. One second.' Coco said before the sounds of a bed creaking echoed through the scrolls.

"Are you sure this is a good idea?" Pyrrha asked. "Aren't we invading Jaune's personal life?"

"Only if we go and use it against him or just for dirt on him or if it is something very personal. But we're not going to do that. We just want to know if Jaune is alright. He's our friend, after all, and no one can replace him." Yang said.

"I don't know." Pyrrha said, still unsure. But before Yang or the other could assure her they weren't crossing any boundaries, Coco spoke up.

'Alright. I'm back.'

"Who did you ask?" Blake asked, genuinely curious.

'Oh, hello, Blake. But to answer your question, I asked my Bun Bun. She and Jaune have been hanging out ever since he stood up to Cardin a while back. Luckily, she knew. Jaune typically heads to downtown Vale and stays there until he decides to come back.'

"Is he meeting up with someone?" Yang asked.

'From what Bun Bun tried to hide from me, yes. But aside from that and the fact they have apparently known each other for a while, not much else.'

"Does she know when and where they meet?"

'Yes. They meet in front of that dessert shop that serves ice cream from all over Remnant in all shapes and sizes. And they meet in about an hour.'

"Alright. Thanks, Coco."

'No problem. I'll be there tomorrow for my payment. Ciao.' Coco said before hanging up.

"Okay. So we know that Jaune is meeting up with someone he knows. That's good." Pyrrha said, sighing with relief.

"Now we don't have to worry." Ren agreed. "We can now resume our day in peace."

"Yeah, about that." Yang said with a sly smirk.

"What are you thinking, Yang?" Weiss asked with an accusatory look.

"While we know where Jaune is going and why, how about we go and find out who he is meeting." Yang said.

"Yang." Blake said, annoyed.

"Oh, come on. Don't you want to know who Vomit Boy is meeting in Vale? What if it is a secret girlfriend?" Yang said, trying to get a rise out of Pyrrha. But she became confused when Pyrrha didn't react the way she had expected. Instead of becoming shocked, she merely smiled. However, that quickly changed.

"While I am curious about who Jaune is meeting, that is going too far. We were already pushing boundaries by finding out why Jaune was going to Vale. This is a straight-up invasion of his privacy and personal life." Pyrrha said with a scowl.

"And even Jaune has his limits. He forgave us for many things we have done to him. I doubt he would forgive us for this if we continue and he finds out." Ren added with a light glare.

"Oh, alright. I guess we can let this go. And it would give us more time to study for Port's upcoming test." Yang said with a fake pout.

"Yup. We need to study for it." Ruby added.

"Of course." Nora agreed before jumping off her bed. "Do you need some help?"

"Yes. We can be study buddies." Ruby answered. Smirking, Nora, Ruby, and Yang rushed out of Jnpr's dorm. But instead of going to Rwby's dorm, they ran down the halls. Seeing this, Ren, Pyrrha, Blake, and Weiss sighed in frustration.

"They're going to spy on Jaune, aren't they?" Weiss asked, pinching the bridge of her nose.

"Yup." The others answered.

"We should go after them before they make a mess, right?" Blake asked.

"Yup."

"Then let's go." Pyrrha said as she stood up. With a final irritated sigh, the four remaining members left their room to chase after the others to prevent them from making a mess.

Forty-Five Minutes Later

Downtown Vale

"Alright. I see our target. He's sitting on the bench in front of the dessert shop." Nora said, using the binoculars she brought.

"Nora. Please drop the spy lingo and code words." Weiss said, trying her best to keep her composure. Currently, they were all hiding in the bushes across the street from the dessert shop where Jaune supposedly meets with this mysterious person.

"Fine." Nora said with a huff as she lowered her binoculars.

"Why are we even doing this?" Pyrrha asked, glaring at Yang, Ruby, and Nora.

"To find out if Vomit Boy is actually Lover Boy." Yang said before turning back to where Jaune was sitting. "Speaking of which, someone's heading his way."

"And it's CIEL!" Weiss said, shocked.

"You know her?" Ren asked, curious.

"Yes, but only to a certain extent. We've never interacted that much."

"Why did you seem so shocked that it's her, Weiss?" Ruby asked, curious. Hearing this, Weiss let out a heavy sigh.

"Remember how at the beginning of the year, you guys always said I was very uptight?" She asked.

"Yes." They answered.

"Well, Ciel is even more uptight than that. Ironwood even had to force her to take a few days off and order her to spend time with other non-Atlas-military students. She is very by the books and time-oriented. So to see her here with Jaune, relaxing, is very strange." Weiss explained. "But leave it to Jaune to be the one that finally gets her to take it easy."

"I just wish we could hear what they are saying." Pyrrha said, straining her ears.

"Does that mean I have to be the-." Blake began but stopped when Nora shouted, getting everyone's attention.

"I GOT JUST THE THING!" She shouted before placing a weird device in the center of the group.

"Uh, what is that?" Ruby asked.

"That's a communication device whose purpose is to eavesdrop on others' conversations." Weiss answered.

"Where did you get that, Nora?" Ren asked, raising an eyebrow as he recalled hearing that these devices were illegal in the Vale Kingdom.

"You'd be surprised at what you find online, Renny." Nora answered as she tuned the device to pick up Jaune's conversation with Ciel.

"Ugh. Tell me about it. But you get used to it." The voice of Jaune said through the device.

"Nora." Ren said, getting her attention.

"Yes?" She asked.

"This device stays between us. And you *WILL* get rid of it once we are done with this." Ren said in a rare, serious tone.

"Okay, Renny." Nora said, upset.

"Shhh. We're trying to listen." Yang said.

"Yeah. I know. Anyway, I heard about what happened recently. Are you okay?" Jaune asked, sounding worried.

"I wonder what happened." Pyrrha said.

"I'm not sure. I haven't heard about anything happening in Vale that would require Ciel to be there." Weiss said.

"Maybe if we listen, we can find out." Yang seethed. However, she backed down when everyone glared at her. Letting out a sigh, they all quieted down so they could listen to Jaune's conversation with Ciel.

"That's good. I hate for anything to happen to you. Oh, before I forget, I got you something." Jaune said. Curious, the seven of them

rose slightly above the bushes to see what Jaune got for Ciel. And to their surprise, it was an ice cream sandwich. Although, they couldn't tell what kind it was. But judging from how Ciel basically scarfed down the treat, they knew it must have been her favorite flavor.

"Wow. I didn't know Ciel loved ice cream. I should remember to buy some to help her relax the next time she needs a break." Weiss said, mentally jogging it down.

"I knew you liked it. Don't worry; I got you another." Jaune said before handing another to Ciel. But unlike with the first ice cream, she took her time with it.

"Uh, Weiss?" Yang asked.

"Yes?"

"Does Ciel speak? Cause she hasn't said a word yet."

"She does, Yang. But not much. Ciel is kind of reserved in a sense. She likes to be as precise as possible. But I also think she might have a cold, as I heard a cold is going around Atlas Academy."

"Something wrong?" They heard Jaune ask. Looking back at the two, they saw Ciel moving toward her ice cream.

"What could she want?" Blake asked, curious.

"I got my own. Thanks." Jaune said before pulling out another ice cream sandwich. But to the surprise of the others, it was chocolate chip flavored and not Pumpkin Pete flavor.

"That's alarming." Ren said, now worried. It was common knowledge that one of Jaune's favorite flavors, when it came to desserts, was Pumpkin Pete. So, to see him choose any other flavor raised numerous red flags.

"It is." Nora agreed.

"HEY!" Jaune shouted. Worried, they turned back to their friend but let out a sigh of relief along with a chuckle when they realized that Ciel had taken a bite out of Jaune's ice cream.

"Wow. I never thought Ciel would do that." Weiss said, surprised.

"Fine. You can have the rest." Jaune said, smiling as Ciel grabbed his ice cream. But instead of finishing it entirely, she left a small piece, which she then fed to Jaune. He was initially reluctant but quickly gave in and allowed Ciel to feed him the rest.

"Aw. That's sweet. Unexpected, but still sweet." Pyrrha said, smiling.

"Are you alright, Pyrrha?" Yang asked, now worried for the redhead since everyone knew of her massive crush on Jaune.

"Of course. Why wouldn't I be?" Pyrrha asked, genuinely confused, surprising everyone. But before they could question further, Jaune spoke up.

"Anyway. We better get going. The movie is going to start soon." Jaune said. Ciel nodded as they got up, threw away their trash, and headed for the theaters.

"Well, we can relax now, knowing that it's someone that Wiess knows." Pyrrha said with a sigh of relief.

"Yeah. That means we go back to our dorms now." Blake said, hoping she was right.

"Not yet." Yang said, causing the other to sigh.

"Yang, we already know who's Jaune seeing. And I can assure you all that unless Jaune does something truly idiotic to hurt Ciel, which we all agree he isn't that type of person, Ciel would never hurt him. And judging by her expression, she seems to enjoy being around Jaune. He is safe. We don't need to keep going forward." Weiss said, glaring at the brawler.

"Yeah. But don't you want to know how the rest of their date is going?" Yang asked, glancing at Pyrrha, hoping she would react. But she didn't.

"No. It's their life. We have already gone too far, Yang." Pyrrha said, with Blake, Wess, and Ren agreeing.

"Oh, alright. I'll guess we'll miss out on some juicy details." Yang said as she racked her head for a way to convince the others to continue tailing Jaune. But she couldn't come up with one. And she had to admit they already cross boundaries. Yet, despite trusting Weiss, Yang wanted to be one hundred percent sure Jaune was safe with Ciel. She always saw Jaune as a sort of brother she always wanted but never had. And she would be damned if she let anything terrible happen to him. With a sigh, Yang was about to concede but smirked when she noticed two members were gone. "Hey, where's Nora and Ruby?"

"What are you talking about, Yang? They are right-Where did they go?" Weiss began before asking when she noticed the absence of the young reaper and Valkyrie.

"And where's the machine?" Ren asked, surprised.

"Great. Let's go get them." Pyrrha said with a sigh. Nodding, the five got up and quickly followed the others to the cinema.

Ten Minutes Later

Vale Theater

"There you guys are." Nora said impatiently.

"Nora." Ren warned.

"What's happening?" Yang asked.

"Ciel and Jaune are waiting in line to get tickets." Ruby answered.

"Do you know which one?"

"A movie called Spectral. Never heard of it before." Nora answered.

"I think that's about an experimental weapon breaking loose." Ren said.

"Great, not another movie like that. That makes, what, like thirty in the past few years." Blake said.

"And I'm sure they are going to use the exact same tropes the other movies used." Weiss said.

"Shall we get some tickets then?" Yang asked.

"Might as well." Pyrrha said with an exasperated sigh while closing her eyes. Opening them, she decided to peek around the corner to see what Ciel and Jaune were doing. However, to her surprise, Ciel wasn't there. In her place was another girl. "Wait. Who's that, and what happened to Ciel?"

"That's Ilia Amitola." Blake said, shocked.

"Who?" Ruby asked.

"She used to be a member of the White Fang until I showed her what was really happening behind the scenes. She then defected and helped me take down a few crucial groups of the White Fang. Now, she works with my family on Menagerie to help continue improving the positive image of the Faunus." Blake explained. "But that doesn't explain why she is here in Vale with Jaune. The last time I saw her, she was on Menagerie."

"And where's Ciel?" Nora asked, fear in her eyes. "You don't think our fearless leader is that kind of person, do you?"

"No. Jaune is not that type of person. He's proved to us so many times before that he is above that kind of behavior." Ren said.

"Then where did Ciel go? Jaune did say that they should get going because the movie was about to start." Pyrrha asked.

"Maybe Ciel and Jaune are just friends, and nobody else knew. And Jaune's real date is with this girl. What was her name again, Blake?" Weiss asked.

"Ilia." Blake answered. "And perhaps. But I still wonder where Ciel went and how Ilia and Jaune met in the first place."

"I do too. But I doubt we learn about it from eavesdropping on them. Especially since they are going to be quiet in the theater." Pyrrha said.

"True. Also, Blake." Yang said.

"Yes, Yang?"

"Like Weiss said, we don't have to worry about Ciel hurting Jaune. But what about Ilia?"

"That's tough to say. Maybe before Ilia changes sides, she might hurt Jaune, but only if he did something she found insulting. But even then, I doubt that, considering how Jaune is. Now, no. Unless he does something that we all know he wouldn't do." Blake answered after thinking it over.

"That's good." Nora said.

"What now, then?" Ruby asked.

"Well, since we're at the theaters, we might as well catch a movie." Yang answered. "What do you guys think?"

"Might as well." They answered.

Turning back to Jaune and Ilia, the seven waited for them to enter the building before walking out of their hiding spot. They then got in line and discussed what movie they should see while they waited.

After a few moments, they settled on watching the same movie Jaune and Ilia were going to watch. Grabbing their tickets, the seven of them entered the building and brought some popcorn and drinks before making their way to the correct room.

"What are our seats?" Nora asked.

"Our seats are C15 to C21." Yang answered.

"Do you think Jaune and Ilia are in this room?" Ruby asked.

"I doubt it. There are like five other rooms playing the same movie." Yang answered as they sat in their seats.

"Uh, think again." Ren said, getting everyone's attention. Turning to him, the others saw him looking toward the right back corner of the room. And to their surprise, they realized they somehow got the same room as Jaune.

"Huh, what are the odds." Weiss said, surprised.

"Should we go say something?" Nora asked.

"Wait. Where's Ilia?" Pyrrha whispered. "I don't see her."

"Maybe she is in the bathroom." Yang said.

"Or she went to get some snacks. They were refilling some of them when we were in line. Maybe Ilia went to see if they finished restocking." Ren said.

"Uh, neither of those answers is correct." Blake said, her eyes flicking back and forth between Pyrrha and Jaune.

"What makes you say that?" Weiss asked.

"Cause I can see her thanks to me being able to see better in the dark."

"Okay, where is she then?" Ren asked.

"She is in Jaune's hoodie."

"Wait. Don't you mean she's wearing Jaune's hoodie?" Pyrrha asked in a calm but curious tone, surprising everyone else.

"Uh. No." Blake said, now thoroughly worried for Pyrrha and Jaune. Pyrrha because of how strangely calm she was acting. And for Jaune because of what Pyrrha might do to him afterward. "Jaune is still wearing his hoodie. But she's in there too, with her head popping out of the top and below Jaune's head."

"A little hard to make out, but yeah, I see her." Weiss said, squinting her eyes.

"And Ilia is drinking his soda." Nora whispered.

"Don't you mean *their* soda?" Yang said with a different accent, causing the others to roll their eyes. However, before they could say anything, a few other moviegoers shushed them. Not wanting the employees to kick them out, they quieted down and returned their focus to the movie.

Two Hours Later

"Well, that certainly was different." Weiss said as she and the others exited the theater.

"It was. But not in a bad way either." Ren agreed.

"I agree. I was honestly expecting to follow the same route other movies did. And that was by using every trope in the book." Blake said.

"It wasn't anything oscar winning but was definitely better than any other Sci-Fi movie I had ever seen." Pyrrha said.

"What now?" Ruby asked with a yawn.

"Well, it is almost dinner time. We should probably head back to Beacon and maybe get something on the way to eat." Ren said after checking the time on his scroll.

"Yeah, I'm getting kind of hungry. Should we wait for Jaune and his date?" Yang asked.

"Sure. We can even get to know her a bit better." Pyrrha said, unknowingly scaring the others.

"Should we ask about Ciel?" Nora asked.

"No. I don't think we should. Illia or Jaune might get the wrong impression, and that would only end in disaster." Ren answered.

"Speaking of which, here comes our Vomit Boy. I should probably come up with a different nickname to tease him in front of Ciel." Yang said.

"Uh, why is he heading to the ladies' room?" Weiss asked, confused, but let out a sigh of relief when he stopped right outside and leaned against the wall.

"Maybe Ilia is in the bathroom, and he's waiting for her." Blake said.

However, she and everyone else became confused and slightly worried when it wasn't Ilia who stepped out of the bathroom but instead a girl with a dark complexion, platinum blonde hair, and olive green eyes. She's wearing a yellow robe with only one wide, loose-fitting sleeve over a black tube top. But what stood out the most was the red sash embroidered with a white "endless knot" on it. For a moment, they thought Jaune would ignore her and wait until Ilia exited the bathroom. But that went out the window when the girl and Jaune hugged and kissed each other.

"Okay. Who is that, and where is Ilia?" Blake asked, now genuinely confused.

"That's Arslan Altan." Pyrrha answered.

"You know her?" Ruby asked.

"We used to be fierce rivals. Well, for the first few years at Sanctum Academy. After that, I left for a different academy. We fell out of touch for a while but reconnected after I visited her Sanctum Academy during our last year as trainee Huntsmen. Now we talk whenever we can. We're good friends." Pyrrha explained.

"And like we asked the last two times, she won't hurt Jaune, right?" Yang asked.

"Nope. Arslan's not like that. She's a very serious and no-nonsense type of person. If Jaune unknowingly does something wrong, she'll set him straight but wouldn't physically harm him. Maybe if he knowingly does something *REALLY* terrible, Arslan might hurt him before leaving." Pyrrha answered.

"Does anyone else find it strange that Jaune's been on a 'date' with people we all seemingly know?" Ren asked.

"It is kind of strange. But then again, we don't really know that much about Jaune's personal life before he came to Beacon. Maybe he met them before meeting us." Weiss said.

"That's true." Blake said, with everyone except Pyrrha agreeing. But before they could comment on this, they had to hide in the same spot from earlier when they noticed Jaune and Arslan heading toward the exit.

"How about a walk in the park?" Jaune suggested. Arslan seemed to think it over for a moment before nodding. She then grabbed Jaune's hand as they headed toward the park.

"Should we follow them?" Ruby asked.

"I'm not sure. I'm really torn here." Yang answered.

"How so?" Ren asked, surprised.

"On one hand, I say we let them go on their walk and leave them alone, especially since we've been stalking Jaune all day. But on the other hand, I want to get to the bottom of all this. Where does this new girl suddenly come from, and where did the previous one go?" Yang explained.

"How about this? We go and spy on them for no more than a few moments. If nothing seems out of the ordinary, we leave. But if something doesn't seem right, we will ask Jaune when he returns to Beacon." Blake suggested.

"Alright. But no more than ten minutes. Not a single minute more." Pyrrha said in a tone that said there was no arguing with her.

"Okay." They agreed, not wanting to piss off the four-time champion. Satisfied, Pyrrha smiled as they rushed to catch up to Jaune and Arslan.

Five Minutes Later

"How about we take a quick break?" Jaune suggested while pointing toward a nearby bench. Arslan thought about it for a moment before shrugging.

"Aren't you all glad that I brought this device?" Nora asked as she and the others hid behind some bushes.

"No." They answered. Turning back to Jaune and Arslan, they watched them walk toward the bench before sitting. And as soon as they did, Arslan grabbed Jaune's hand and laid her head on his shoulder.

"It was nice spending time with you." Jaune said, smiling.

"Odd. They just met not even twenty minutes ago." Ren said.

"Perhaps this is his real date, and the other two, he was just hanging out with them?" Weiss said.

"Maybe. But that doesn't explain why Ilia was like how she was in the theater." Blake said.

"Something is not right." Yang said.

"You know, no one else is in the park at this time. You can drop the disguise." Jaune said, confusing the others.

"What does he mean by that?" Ruby asked, confused. However, she and the others got their answer when 'Arslan' suddenly changed to reveal someone they were not expecting.

"NEO!" They all whispered, which took all of their willpower to do and not shout.

"I-I wasn't expecting that." Weiss said, stuttering.

"I don't believe any of us could have seen this coming." Ren said.

"But it would explain everything. Jaune was never with Ciel, Ilia, or Arslan. They were simply a disguised Neo." Blake said.

"But what I really want to know is how did Neo and Jaune get together." Yang said, torn between wanting to go there and get Jaune away from Neo and staying to see how everything plays out.

"I have no idea. But they seem to enjoy each other's presence. But I have to admit, they do look cute together." Pyrrha said, smiling. Now highly concerned, the others turned to Pyrrha, but before they could say anything, Jaune spoke up.

"I know you have to disguise Trivia, but I always preferred seeing the real you." Jaune said. Turning back to them, they saw Neo rolling her eyes before leaning in to kiss Jaune on the lips. Without missing a beat, Jaune kissed her back with evident passion.

"Okay. I have to admit, that is cute." Yang said while covering Ruby's eyes.

"What is? What's happening?" Ruby asked, trying to break free from Yang's grip.

"I'll tell you when you're older."

"I. I. I think we don't need to worry about Jaune." Blake said, getting the others' attention.

"How so?" Nora asked.

"It seems like they really care for each other."

"But that doesn't necessarily mean she won't hurt him." Weiss said.

"Not by itself. But Jaune used Neo's real name. And to people like Neo, their real name is sacred, and they don't let just anyone know about it, much less use it. So for Jaune to use it so casually must mean that Neo really cares for him." Blake explained.

"How do you know her real name, Blake?" Pyrrha asked, curious.

"Through something similar to the grapevine when I was with the White Fang. Let's just leave it at that."

"So we don't need to worry about Neo hurting Jaune?" Yang asked.

"It seems so, which is a relief."

"In that case, I think we can leave now. We already know that Jaune is safe. Not to mention, we're already pushing our luck as it's a miracle that Neo hasn't noticed us yet." Pyrrha said.

"You're right. And as much as I would like a rematch with Neo, I don't want to ruin their date." Yang said as they readied themselves to sneak away. However, they froze when they heard the bench Jaune

and Neo were sitting on started to creak. Turning around, they noticed Neo and Jaune getting up.

"Oh, good. It looks like they are about to leave." Yang said, watching the two get up and stretch a bit. However, she and the others became confused when Jaune smirked. But their expression changed to shock at what Jaune did next.

"Here comes the Hug Grimm!" Jaune shouted as he moved to hug Neo from behind. But instead of a regular hug, he lifted her off the ground completely. Surprised, Neo started trying to escape but calmed when she realized it was only Jaune. But the calm only lasted for a second as she tried to escape again,

'PUT ME DOWN, YOU CAVEMAN!' Neo furiously signed, causing Jaune to laugh.

"Uh, what did she do with her hands?" Ruby asked, confused.

"That's sign language. Neo just told Jaune to put her down while calling him a caveman. But I'm surprised Jaune knows sign language." Weiss explained, never taking her eyes off the smiling Jaune and struggling Neo.

"Well, Jaune does have seven sisters. Maybe one of them was deaf, and he learned sign language to communicate with her." Blake said.

"Maybe."

"Aw. Is someone hungry and tired?" Jaune asked with a devious smirk. And to the utter shock of the others, Neo calmed down and nodded.

'Yes.'

"How about we head to the new restaurant that opened up recently?" Jaune suggested as he put Neo on the floor. "I think I heard from a review that they also serve Neapolitan ice cream for dessert."

'That sounds good.' Neo signed before lightly kicking Jaune on his shin.

"OW!"

'That's what you deserve for doing that.'

"Fair enough." Jaune said, smiling.

'So, who should I disguise as this time? Winter?'

"No one. Just be your beautiful self, Trivia." Jaune answered. Neo rolled her eyes before kissing Jaune on the lips for a full minute. They then separated before interlocking hands and walking toward their destination. Seeing all they needed to, the others got out of their hiding spot and made their way to the bullheads but not before grabbing something to eat.

Two Hours Later

"Alright, Pyrrha. Spill it." Yang said as they finished their food.

"Spill what?" Pyrrha asked, confused.

"We've tailed Jaune all day and thought he was with three other girls before realizing it was Neo. Yet, you were calm throughout the whole thing." Yang said.

"I wasn't always calm. I was surprised a few times as I wasn't expecting it to be Arslan or someone we knew." Pyrrha said, not understanding what Yang was getting at.

"That's it!"

"What's it?" Pyrrha asked, now slightly annoyed.

"Pyrrha. Aren't you jealous that Jaune is with someone else and not you?" Weiss asked, curious.

"Jealous? Why would I be jealous? I'm glad Jaune is in a relationship now." Pyrrha asked, now thoroughly confused.

"Jealous in the way that your crush is going out with someone that is not you!" Yang answered, annoyed.

"I don't have-OH! I see now." Pyrrha said, not understanding what was going on. "You all think I have a crush on Jaune."

"Of course. You two are almost inseparable. You two share everything and are so friendly with each other." Nora said.

"Heck, you went out of your way to find Jaune after saving his life on the initiation day." Yang said.

"Ah. I see now. You think I have a crush on Jaune because of how we act toward each other, right?" Pyrrha asked, sitting up on her bed.

"YES!" Yang and the others shouted, causing Pyrrha to chuckle.

"Well, let me ask you this. Don't you all find it a bit odd how quickly Jaune and I got along and how we somehow knew a lot about each other before meeting each other for the 'first time?'" The others were about to answer but stopped themselves to think it over. It was a bit strange now that they thought about it.

"So, you don't have a crush on him?" Ruby asked.

"Nope."

"Then why are you two so friendly toward each other?" Blake asked.

"Simple. Jaune and I are brother and sister." Pyrrha answered but recoiled in shock at the others' sudden outburst.

"WHAT!?" They shouted.

"You two are brother and sister?" Nora asked.

"But you two don't look anything alike." Wiess said.

"Sorry. Let me correct myself. Jaune and I see each other as figurative brother and sister. We're not biologically related." Pyrrha said, hoping everyone would connect the dots but sighed when they only became more confused. "Remember what I said when we thought Jaune was going out with Arslan?"

"Which part? The one where you two were rivals or where you left Sanctum Academy? Or something else?" Ren asked.

"Where I left Sanctum."

"What happened?" Ruby asked.

"It was when I was around five, maybe six. My father died from a massive heart attack. It was a struggle afterward for my mom to pay the bills, especially with the Mistral Council increasing the cost of living. Plus, there were some rising tensions in Argus and some other parts of Mistral that made it more dangerous to live there. So she decided it was time to move somewhere better but had a hard time finding a place that didn't cost a fortune in Vale. But apparently, she and the Arc Family were good friends, and they helped us move to Vale and paid the bills until my mom found a well-paying job. It was then that I first met Jaune, and we almost instantly became great friends. From then on, we grew up together and eventually thought of each other as brother and sister. We were practically inseparable. Unfortunately, due to my rising fame at the time, I had to leave when we were fourteen, and we hadn't seen each other since we came to Beacon. That was why I was so excited to see him." Pyrrha explained.

"Wow." Yang said, surprised. "Who knew Vomit Boy and Cereal Girl shared a history together."

"It's something we don't like to bring up often. And that's because it only leads to so many questions. Plus, I don't want to subject Jaune to the parasites that call themselves journalists and reporters."

"Makes sense." Blake said.

"Anyway." Weiss said, fighting through a yawn. "It's later. We better head back to our dorm and get some sleep. Not to mention, Jaune should be here soon. And we don't want to raise any suspicion."

"Right. Good night guys." Ruby said as she and the rest of Team Rwby exited the dorm and went to theirs.

"We should probably get ready for bed too." Ren said.

"Aw." Nora whined but relented after letting out a massive yawn,

Twenty Minutes Later

"Hey, guys. I'm back." Jaune said as he entered the dorm and closed the door behind him.

"Welcome back, Jaune." Pyrrha said, smiling.

"How was your day?" Ren asked.

"It was great." Jaune answered, smiling.

"We bet." Nora said with a smirk. But a jab from Ren quieted her down.

"Did you get the supplies?" Pyrrha asked.

"Yup. I got everything we need for the project." Jaune answered before chuckling when he noticed Pyrrha's nose slightly twitching. "And yes. I got everyone what they asked for, including your chocolate, Pyr."

"YES!" Nora cheered as Jaune handed her the pancake mix. He then gave Ren his tea and Pyrrha her chocolate bar.

"How was everyone's day?" Jaune asked.

"Eventful." Pyrrha answered.

"How so?"

"Team Rwby came over, and we watched a movie and had some popcorn. We also studied for a bit." Ren answered/lied.

"That's nice." Jaune said with a yawn. "Anyway. It's late. I'm going to take a quick shower and then head to sleep. Night guys."

"Good night, Jaune." The others said as Jaune entered the bathroom. They then got into their sleepwear before going to bed themselves.

2 AM

"Huh?" Jaune groggily asked as he opened his eyes when he felt a sudden shift in his bed. However, he relaxed when the moonlight revealed some pink and brown hair that only one person on Remnant had. Smiling, he leaned in and gave the head a quick kiss. "Hey, Neo."

'Hey, Jaune.' Neo signed before snuggling into Jaune's embrace. They stayed like that for a few moments before sharing a kiss and only broke until their bodies demanded oxygen.

"Staying the night?" Jaune whispered.

'Yes.' Neo signed before moving back a bit which confused Jaune.

"Everything alright?" Jaune asked, worried.

'You know we can't hide this forever. What do you think your friends will do once they find out we're in a relationship?' Neo signed, worried. While she could easily handle all of his teammates and friends in a fight, she didn't want to fight them. Not because Neo was scared but because she knew how close Jaune was to his friends. They were practically a second family to him.

"I know. But, honestly, I think they won't mind."

'Really?'

"Well, they will be shocked at first but will eventually come to terms and accept us being a couple. But don't worry. If anything happens, I'll be there to calm them down." Jaune assured.

'Alright. I trust you.' Neo signed before leaning in for another kiss. Jaune reciprocated the kiss, and after a few seconds, they separated. Closing their eyes, they leaned into each other before falling asleep, happy to be in each other's presence and unaware that Jaune's friends already knew about their secret.